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For: **RETROVIRAL VECTORS COMPRISING A FUNCTIONAL SPLICE  
DONOR SITE AND A FUNCTIONAL SPLICE ACCEPTOR SITE**

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

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Sir:

Prior to calculating the filing fee for the captioned application, please amend the application as follows:

**IN THE SPECIFICATION:**

- ✓ Page 1, line 15, please insert - - BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION - -.
- ✓ Page 24, line 23, please insert - - SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION - -.
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